

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUHIRO HINO) : Examiner: R. Kang
Appln. No.: 09/987,529) : Group Art Unit: 2625
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.